

# Christ United Methodist Church Newsletter

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## OUR MISSION AND PURPOSE (Mark 3:13-15)

*"And He went up on the mountain side and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with him and He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons." (NKJV)*

A few years ago, I came across a story concerning the sinking of the *Titanic* that, to my knowledge, has never been portrayed in the movies. In fact, I never knew about this courageous and loving act. It is the story of John Harper. As you know, the *Titanic* sunk after striking an iceberg. Harper was a Scottish minister who was traveling by ship to preach for three months at Moody Church in Chicago. Some of the passengers were able to reach life boats. But many, Harper included, were flung into the cold Atlantic. Harper swam around asking individuals if they knew Jesus. At one point, Harper approached a passenger floating on a piece of debris and pleaded with him to trust Christ. Just before Harper slipped under the icy waters for the last time, he said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."

This story of Harper's loving witness had an impact on a survivor. At a reunion of the survivors of the *Titanic* tragedy, the man testified that he had trusted Christ because of Harper's witness. Secondly, he had been plucked from the sea. Harper's dying wish was that he could bring hope to the hopeless people. Harper's story is an example for us as a church. It is our mission to be flung into the world where people are literally drowning in sin. People are dying without Jesus and without hope. We are called to pluck people from the gates of death and hell and lead them to life eternal.

We are on a mission of vital importance. With a sense of urgency and clarity, the Gospel of Mark lays out the purpose of the church. Like the disciples, if we would go to the mountain with Jesus, we would hear Him speak our name and call us:

**That we might be with Him.** This is our first priority as the church. It is important to be with the One who made us and redeemed us. WHY? To be more like Him...to be loved and encouraged...to have fellowship with Him...to hear His commands...to be taught and equipped.

**That He might send us out to preach.** Church! The message we share is none other than Christ crucified! Christ Risen! We glory only in the saving work of Christ through His atoning death upon the cross and the victory over sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**That we might have power to heal sickness and cast out demons.** Church! People within the shadow of our steeple are dying because of sickness and disease and many are possessed and oppressed by demons. Healing and deliverance are available through Jesus Christ. Hope can be given to the hopeless. Church! It is time that we become that place of healing and deliverance.

The witness of John Harper during the fatal tragedy of the *Titanic* reminds us to tell the good news of Christ's salvation, healing and deliverance. There is hope for all who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Pastor Lewis Weaver

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#### Memorials

##### Fred Ellenburg

Joyce Blount, Christ United Methodist Church,  
Bobby & Margaret Kirk, The Action Group,  
The United Methodist Women

##### Gay Thomas Hawk

Joyce Blount, Bob & Pat Bradford,  
Christ United Methodist Church, Bobby & Margaret Kirk,  
The Action Group, The United Methodist Women

##### Mildred Shiflet

Bobby & Margaret Kirk

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#### Christian Sympathies

*Christian Sympathies are extended:*

to Dewey Thomas in the death of his sister, Gay Thomas Hawk.  
to Blanche Sauls in the death of her brother, Fred Ellenburg.

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#### J.O.Y. Group (55 & over)

On Saturday, April 12, we will be gathering at the Chihuahua Mexican restaurant to eat at 5:30. It is located on the left across from the Co-Op on W. Main St., 1/2 mi. from the Asheville Hwy. intersection, going south. Please let Joan know (638-5599) if you are coming, by Friday, April 11.

#### Meetings

##### Inspirational Group

Tuesday, April 8 - 7:00 p.m. (in the fellowship hall)

##### Trustees (April & May)

Sunday, April 13 - directly after morning worship (in parlor)  
Due to Mother's Day, the Trustees will meet May 4 instead of May 11.

##### The Action Group

Tuesday, April 15 - 9:00 a.m. (Please meet at the church.)

##### Scrapbook Ministry - 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 15 & Tuesday, May 6 (in fellowship hall)

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#### Graduate Sunday & Fellowship Meal - April 13

The graduates that we have listed are Nicole Jeffers, Mark Abelson and Frankie Ottinger. Please let us know if we have missed anyone.

*Hosts:* Debbie & Haden Scott

*Helpers:* Joann & Franklin Stanton

Sue Perettie, Glenda Huntsman

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**Reminder:** During the month of April, please pray from 12:00 - 12:05 p.m. for Fire & Rescue workers.

**VBS! VBS! VBS!**

VBS will be Sunday, June 1 - Thursday, June 5. The theme is F.R.O.G. (Fully rely on God.) I need everyone to sign up. Lots to do!! The sign up sheets are in the sanctuary. Don't wait until the last minute. We need to see the progress in those committed to helping. Saves me from a lot of headaches!

VBS Workday is Saturday, April 5, from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. Bottom floor of the church - we will be going through the Tupperware totes, craft room inventory, and anything that needs to be washed and ready for VBS. I will cook soup and find someone to make the cornbread. (I can't make good cornbread.) See you then! **Bada**

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**Wednesday Night Meal Menu**

**April**

- 9 - meatloaf, creamed potatoes, rolls  
broccoli with cheese sauce & dessert
- 16 - chicken fingers, corn, green beans, rolls & dessert
- 23 - baked ham, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, rolls & dessert
- 30 - baked chicken, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls & dessert

**May**

- 7 - tacos/taco salad, corn refried beans, & dessert
- 14 - pork roast with gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, rolls & dessert

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**Franklin Graham Festival - Knoxville, Tennessee**

Sunday, April 27 (4:00 p.m.)

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**The Administrative Assistant will be on vacation April 25 - May 2. Due to this, the next Newsletter will be May 13.**

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**Baby Shower**

There will be a Baby Shower for Jenny & Stacy Salyer and Abby & Josh Keller, grandparents Charlie & Betsy Keller on Sunday, April 27, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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**Mother's Day Listing**

For the cost of \$1.00, you may list your mother's name in honor or in memory. The money received will go toward Missions. The UMW will receive names on April 27 & May 4.

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**Thank You**

Thank you for the gift to the Food Bank in memory of my brother, David Johnson.  
**May God Bless you, Geraldine Miles**

Thank you for the memorial, your prayers, and your calls. They are appreciated  
**Dewey & Amy Thomas**

**Birthdays**

**April**

- 5. Debbie Leng, Tony Burkey, Julia Doane, Pat Minatra
- 8. Patricia Quarles, Mandy Scott
- 10. David Kilday
- 11. Mark Abelson
- 12. Jean King
- 13. Mac McCarson
- 16. Helen Britton
- 17. Kay Grissom
- 18. Whitney Ball
- 19. Fran Gregory
- 23. Glen Mitchell
- 24. Tammy Waldrop, Paul Scott
- 25. Tom Paxton, Weston Collins
- 28. Michela Wood
- 30. Ruth Bible

**May**

- 1. Arne Lue Hartman
- 4. Debbie Carrier, Tyler Renner
- 7. Samantha Grissom
- 9. Barry Jordan, Marcia Weaver
- 12. Mikel Dixon
- 13. Madeline Wood
- 14. Allison Chudina
- 15. April Leonard
- 17. Tim Leonard
- 19. Mark Giuliani
- 22. Amber Mathes
- 25. Velda Ruth Moore, Charles Ray Hawk, Jr.
- 26. Tommy Miles
- 28. Brandon McHan
- 31. Bada Elliott

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**May Ushers**

Mike Ricker, Gary Ball, Ronnie Metcalfe, Michael Kirk, Walter Johnson

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*This month's needs for:*

**FOOD BANK** - soup, spaghetti & sauce, macaroni & cheese, crackers and Stage 1 baby food.

**HOLSTON HOME** - hand-held calculators and packs of batteries (AAA, AA and D)

Any food or school items are always welcome.

But, those listed above are the items of emphasis or need this month. You may place your donated items in the appropriate basket on the floor, across from the church office.

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***Mother's Day Banquet***

***Saturday, May 10 (6:00 p.m.)***

Please contact Amy Thomas if you plan to attend. More information will be in the church bulletin the last week of April and the first week of May.

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**Morristown District Mission Kits**

**School Kits (Zimbabwe - Marie Humbane)**

Please pack all items in the backpack. A \$5 donation for packing and shipping is to accompany each kit. Do not put money in bag! **Deadline to return kits is May 25.** All items can be found at Wal-Mart for around \$21.

3 Spiral Notebooks, 1 Small Dictionary, 1 12-Pack of Pens (blue or black), 1 12-Pack Pencils, 1 Pack of Erasers, 1 12" Ruler, 1 Ream 150 Count Copy Paper (purchase 500 sheets and put 150 into a 1 gallon Ziploc bag), 1 Box of Crayons or Magic Markers, 1 Backpack

**Stewardship & Offering Reports  
March 9 - March 30**

**STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 9, 2008**  
**STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 23, 2008**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service	4
Sunrise Service	19
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	62
10:30 a.m. Worship Service	116
Sunday School	34
Sunday School	38

**OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 2,579.50**

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By Mail & Other	500.00
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Sunday School	40.50
Sunday School	41.75
Morning Worship	2,039.00
Morning Worship	2,494.00

**OTHER RECEIPTS 1,080.00**

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Memorial Fund	10.00
Memorial Fund	30.00
Conference Askings	700.00
Conference Askings	200.00
Africa Hunger	100.00
District Askings	100.00
Elevator	25.00
Africa Hunger	50.00
Prepare a Place	25.00
Holston Home	100.00
Christian Literature	20.00
Brazil Missionaries	5,000.00
Altar Candle	200.00
Altar Flowers	50.00

**TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 3,659.50**  
 Christian Literature 12.00

Easter Lilies 15.00

**STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 16, 2008**

His Kids 100.00

10:30 a.m. Worship Service 91

**TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 8,592.75**

Sunday School 43

Prayer & Healing Service 51

**STEWARDSHIP FOR MARCH 30, 2008**

**OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 1,985.52**

8:30 a.m. Worship Service 12 By Mail

& Other 1,050.00 10:30 a.m.

Worship Service 62

Sunday School 46.00

Sunday School 39

Morning Worship 889.52

**OPERATING BUDGET RECEIVED \$ 3,473.00**

**OTHER RECEIPTS 2,475.50**

By Mail & Other 200.00

Memorial Fund 50.00

Sunday School 31.00

Conference Askings 925.00

Morning Worship 3,242.00

District Askings 50.00

**OTHER RECEIPTS \$ 908.28**

Africa Hunger 50.00

Memorial Fund 25.00

Prayer Conference 1,174.00

Holston Home 755.00

Easter Lilies 7.50

His Kids 50.05

Altar Flowers 50.00

Prayer Conference 78.23

Christian Literature 44.00

**TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 4,381.28**

Evelyn Murphy Class 25.00

Holston Home 100.00

**TOTAL OFFERING RECEIVED \$ 4,461.02**

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**UMW NEWS**

I am SOOOO proud of the Women of Christ United Methodist Church. Our Thirty Pieces of Silver Offering for the Red Bird Mission School surpassed my expectations.

You all are great and God is so GOOD! We have collected \$400.00 for this mission emphasis. If you were unable to give on Palm Sunday and would like to contribute to the mission giving, please give your offering to Jean Adams. It will be sent in for the Red Bird Mission School.

**U.M. Women's Spiritual Enrichment Experience**

**Lake Junaluska, NC (May 16-17 or May 17-18)**

It is a time to enjoy the serenity at Lake Junaluska and a renewal of the spirit through worship and celebrations. You can get a registration application from Amy Thomas or Susan in the church office.

If you are interested in going on the **U.M. Women's Mission Trip in 2009 to Bahamas Methodist Habitat in Eleuthera, Bahamas**, please let Amy know. She has the information concerning this trip. If we have anyone to apply, we will do our best as a unit to assist with your costs.

*Happy Mother's Day!  
Sunday, May 11*